Crisis in the readymade garment industry

*197. SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY:

PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the garments industry is facing a severe export crisis due to accumulation of huge quantities of readymade garments;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what remedial measures have been taken to provide further incentives to the garment industry to ensure that foreign exchange earnings of Government are maximised by export of garments?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) to (c) There has been some accumulation of garment consignments on account of congestion at the Indira Gandhi International Airport, Delhi. The following remedial measures have been taken to ease the congestion:—

(i) The validity dates for shipment of cargo for all consignments have been extended whenever necessary.

(ii) The International Airport Authority has augmented the cargo space.

(iii) Airlines have been permitted to operate additional flights for lifting export cargo.

(iv) The conditions of carting order have been liberalised.

Grant of recognition to approved agents of IATA by regional passport office, New Delhi

*198. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the approved agents of the International Air Transport Association (IATA) have recently lodged a protest against the Regional Passport Office, New Delhi for observing two sets of rules for granting recognition to agents;

(b) whether it is a fact that several agents have been requesting the authorities for granting recognition; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons for not granting recognition to them?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI NARAYAN DATT TIWARI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Recognition for dealing with Passport Offices is granted to travel agents on the basis of criteria laid down in this regard. Those agencies which do not fulfil the criteria are not granted recognition till such time as they meet all the requirements. A copy of the criteria for recognition is being laid on the Table of the House. [*See* Appendix CXLII, Annexure No. 59.]

Cut in U.S. aid to India

*199. SHRI KAPIL VERMA:

SHRI SUKOMAL SEN:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the reported statement of Mr. Robert Peck, the U.S. Deputy Assistant Secretary of State that the Reagan administration was opposed to the House Foreign Affairs Committee's proposal for a cut of 15 million dollar aid to India and if so, whether Government have received any message in this connection from the United States; and

(b) whether this issue has been taken up with United States Administration?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI NARAYAN DATT TIWARI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

Amendment in the Indian Foreign Service (Conduct and Discipline) Rules, 1981

*200. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the Minister of EXTERANL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have amended the Indian Foreign Service (Conduct and Discipline) Rules, 1981 which bans IFS officers from marrying citizens of a foreign country;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether similar rules are applicable to officers beloging to other services based in foreign countries; and

(d) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI NARAYAN DATT TIWARI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A copy of the amended Rule is placed below. (*See* statement below).

(c) and (d) Officers belonging to different Services are governed by their own Conduct Rules.

Statement

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NOTIFICATION

G.S.R.——————In exercise of the powers conferred by the proviso to article 309 of the Constitution, the President hereby makes the following rules further to amend the Indian Foreign Service (Conduct and Discipline) Rules, 1961, namely:—

1. (1) These rules may be called the Indian Foreign Service (Conduct and Discipline) Amendment Rules, 1986.

(2) They shall come into force on the date of their publication in the Official Gazette.

2. In the Indian Foreign Service (Conduct and Discipline) Rules, 1961, for rule 8, the following rule shall be substituted, namely:—

"8 Restriction on marriage with Foreigner:—

(1) No member of the Service shall contract a marriage with any person other than an Indian citizen without the prior permission in writing of the Government.

(2) A member of the Service who intends to contract a marriage with a person other than an Indian cittzen shall seek prior permission for the same by submitting a written application addressed to the Foreign Secretary to the Government of India in the Ministry of External Affairs giving details of the name, age, address, occupation and nationality of the person and the decision of the Government on the application shall be communicated to the applicant within a period of one year unless the Government, for reasons to be recorded in writing and communicated to the applicant within the said period, extends it:

Provided that no such period of extension shall exceed a period of one year from the date of expiry of the initial period of one year.

(3) If a member of the Service contracts marriage with a person other than an Indian citizen with-